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SI. No.	State/Union Territory	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
1	Andhra Pradesh	—	11	14	7	11
2	Assam	—	—	1	1	
3	Bihar	—.	—	—		
4	Delhi/New Delhi	—	3	2	2	
5	Goa	—	—	—	—	
6	Gujarat .	-	1	2	1	
7	Haryana .	—	—	—	—	
8	Karnataka	—	10	8	—	
9	Kerala .	—	9	15	—	
10	Madhya Pradesh	—	—	5	1	
11	Maharashtra	—	9	8	5	
12	Orissa	—	—	1	1	
13	Pondicherry	—	—	—	—	
14	Punjab	—	—	5	1	
15	Raiasthan	—	—	6	2	*2*
16	Tamil Nadu	—	19	9	7	2
17	Uttar Pradesh .	—	—	3	3	2
18	West Bengal	—	10	10	6	11
	TOTAL :	—	71	89	37	50*

*The figures for the year 1993-94 are not yet audited and are, therefore, liable to change.

Discrimination against girls in education

4132. DR. BAPU KALDATE :
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any study with regard to the number of the girls annually admitted for elementary and secondary education in the country both in the urban and rural areas;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) how it compare with the number of boys admitted in the elementary and secondary schools in the country and with that in the other Asian countries;

(d) whether Government think that girls in certain cases in the rural areas continue to be discouraged;

(e) if so, what, according to the assessment, if any, is the achievement of the programmes taken up to encourage girls education particularly in the rural areas; and

(f) what strategy is contemplated by Government to remove the discrimination against the girls in the matter of education and to intensify the programme for their education?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OP EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SEUA) : (a) to (c) No such study has been conducted. However, Fifth All India Educational Survey (1986) conducted by NCERT pro-vides following information about distribution of sex-wise enrolment in rural and urban areas:

(Percentage)

	Boys		Girls	
	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban
	78.3	21.7	74.09	25.91
Upper Primary (VI—VIII)	68.5	31.5	58.5	41.5
Secondary (IX—X)	59.8	40.2	48.4	51.6

(d) to (f) Research studies do indicate that some parents, particularly in rural areas are indifferent towards education of girls. A programme of action 1992 was drawn up in consultation with all State Governments and UT Administrations which, envisages specific measures and strategies to be adopted to see that girls are not discriminated against and they complete, their course of study. Some of the steps undertaken to increase enrolment, retention and achievement levels of girls in school system include :

— provision of incentives such as free uniforms, free textbooks, attendance schoolarships, mid-day meals;

— provision of primary and upper primary schools within easy walking distance;

— provision of programmes of part-time non-formal education for children who cannot attend whole day schools and children in habitations without schools;

— improvement of school' facilities under centrally sponsored scheme of Operation Blackboard and particularly, toilet facilities for girls;

— appointment of female teachers;

— revision of curriculum to avoid sex-bias ;

— laying down of minimum levels of learning and adoption of competency based approach etc.

Assistance to Sports persons

4133. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the pitiable condition of one of the country's finest Hockey Olympian and an Arjuna Award winner Shri Jagjit Singh who had to sell his gold medals for his living and is looking for donations for his survival;

(b) if so, whether there is any policy laid down to ensure a reasonably respectable life to those sports persons who brhuj laurels to the country;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to provide adepuate help to the Hockey Olympian to bring him out • of his present predicament ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) Yes, Sir. (b) and (c) The Government of India has formulated a Scheme of "Sports Fund for pension to Meritorious Sportspersons" under which the sportspersons who have won Gold, Silver or Bronze Medal in Olympic Games or Gold Medal in Asian Games will receive pension at the rate of Rs. 2000 per month or Rs. 1500 per month respectively for life from the age of 30 years.

(d) The Government of India has sanctioned pension to Shri Jagjit Singh at the rate of Rs. 2000 per month out of the National Welfare Fund.

Facilities in Allahabad University

4134. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the state of Allahabad University, which is utterly lacking in facilities for research programmes, shortage of specialised faculty besides lack of library and laboratory facilities due to lack of funds;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any assesment with regard to the prevailing situation in the University;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what steps are contemplated by Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA)): (a) to (d) State Universities are established by Acts of the State Legislatures. It is therefore, primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government to provide to adequate plan and Non-plan grants to the universities established by them. University Grants Commission development assistance is for:—

(i) new posts in generally new disciplines on 100% basis for five years ;

(ii) for laboratory and office equipment on 100% basis;

(iii) for library books, journals and equipment on 100% basis ; and

(iv) for buildings on 75% basis but for library building and women's hostel assistance is on 100% basis.

University Grants Commission has informed that the Commission has allocated an amount of Rs. 155.00 lakhs to Allahabad University for the 8th plan period for re-.cruitment of staff, purchase of books,